

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, dated October 6, 2005, the Examiner has rejected claims 16-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,400,325 (hereinafter "CHATWANI"). Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-15 and 33-44.

By way of this amendment, Applicant proposes canceling claims 16-32 and 45-53 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant, however, reserves the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 16-32 and 45-53. In view of this amendment, only allowed claims 1-15 and 33-44 should remain pending in the application. Timely allowance of this application is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered. Applicant submits that the proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the entry of this amendment would place the application in better form for appeal in the event that the application is not allowed.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-139 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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